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- 25X1 1. [] Delivered a personal letter from Mr. Maury
25X1A to Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) to the Representative's office and
left a copy of the dated signed letter with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief
Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, for his use.
- 25X1 2. [] Received a call from Mr. George Berdes,
House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who asked for Pete Scoville's title
at the time he left the Agency. I told him Dr. Scoville was Deputy Director
for Research at the time he left the Agency on 14 June 1963.
- 25X1 3. [] Received a call from Mrs. Aberg, in the
office of Representative Ancher Nelsen (R., Minn.), who request application
forms and brochures for a constituent. I told Mrs. Aberg that the material
would be sent out first thing in the morning.
- 25X1 4. [] Talked to Mr. Jim Shumate, Counsel,
25X1A House Armed Services Committee, who asked if I would check for him and
see if a copy is available of the story the Director tells []
[] Representative Dickinson (R., Ala.) would appreciate a copy of
it. I told Mr. Shumate that I would check on it.
- 25X1 5. [] Talked to Miss Joanne Ciaravella, Employee
Benefits Subcommittee staff, who told me that the Hanley bill, H. R. 11150,
was not reached on the agenda during the meeting of the full Committee today.
The next meeting of the full Committee for consideration of agenda items will
be in four weeks.
- 25X1 6. [] Mrs. Frances Funk, Clerical Assistant,
Senate Armed Services Committee, called and requested an employment
25X1A interview for [] After checking with []
I advised her that an appointment has been scheduled for 3:30 this afternoon.
- 25X1 7. [] Discussed with Barbara Zeph, in the
office of Representative Clarence Miller (R., Ohio), a proposed reply to a
letter from a constituent expressing concern to reports that the Agency was
enlisting 10 and 11 year old boys to fight in Laos. Miss Zeph appreciated our
assistance and stated she would prepare the reply along the line suggested.

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25X1 13. [] Libby Reynolds, in the office of
Representative Jack Kemp (R., N. Y.), called to say that Mr. Kemp was
very interested in visiting the Agency for a breakfast-briefing with a half
dozen of his colleagues and suggested that we recommend about four dates,
25X1A preferably on Tuesday through Thursday, to see what could be worked out.

25X1 14. [] Based upon information provided by
[] FE Division, spoke with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed
Services Committee staff, in response to his earlier call and gave him a
short critique on D. E. Ronk's article in today's Post, "U.S. Seen Violating
Ban in Laos."

25X1A 15. [] Office of Personnel, alerted us
that Senator Philip Hart's (D., Mich.) Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation
Subcommittee, Senate Judiciary Committee, had requested from Mutual of
Omaha detailed information on their three largest group hospitalization
plans, which would include Government Employees' Health Association.
It was agreed that we would get a copy of the Subcommittee's request from
Mutual, and that if it was determined that the information requested posed a
security problem, we would ask the Subcommittee staff to exempt our program
from their inquiry. Mr. Warner was advised.

25X1 16. [] Received a call from Mr. Helgerson, USIA,
who wanted unclassified data on the number of Communist Bloc information
officers operating in Western Europe. SB Division is checking.

25X1 17. [] Mr. Lawrence Eagleburger, Deputy Assistant
Secretary of Defense ISA, called to say Representative John Ashbrook is suing
the Defense Department and Eagleburger personally, under the Freedom of
Information Act to force publication of the [] material. OGC is 25X1
following up.

25X1 18. [] Dr. Herbert Scoville called to say he had a
draft of the testimony he plans to give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
on 28 March and would be happy if we would look at it. We will pick it up
and review it.

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25X1 5. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him a proposed letter to Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) on congressional briefings. Mr. Slatinshek feels the letter will suit the purpose and made but a single word change. He does feel, however, that it would be best if we would take the time to take it by Chairman Hebert before release. I told Mr. Slatinshek that we plan to.

I also left with Mr. Slatinshek an unclassified outline of Soviet naval ships-1971 data for his use and briefed him on the following items: Soviet VTOLs and Foxbat overflight of Sinai; and ChiCom medium range missile ground support equipment.

25X1 6. [] Talked with Tom Vail, Chief Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, about the status of H.R. 9900, the bill to provide a tax benefit for military personnel and civilian employees while they are in a missing or prisoner of war status. Vail said the Committee was tied up in work on H.R. 1 and would not get to the missing persons legislation until some time in April at the earliest. I told him we would like to talk with him about this bill as it might apply to a matter of some sensitivity in the Agency. Vail asked that I drop him a note which he could put in the bill file as a reminder to insure they contacted us before taking any action on H.R. 9900. I told him I would do so.

25X1 7. [] At his request I met with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed him on the current situation in north Laos, specifically the status of action in the Long Tieng area. Goldsmith had read several articles in the New York Times and was anxious to check on the accuracy of these reports. He asked that we keep him advised of any significant developments.

25X1 8. [] Received a call from [] who 25X1A had been referred to this office by Representative Watkins Abbitt's (D., Va.) office. [] requested a personnel interview for some time today, if 25X1A at all possible. After checking with Mr. [] OP, I advised [] that an appointment had been set up for 2:00 p.m.

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25X1 12. [] In the course of several conversations with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding the Director's appearance before the Agency Subcommittee, it developed that:

a. No meeting with the Agency will be scheduled this week and probably not next week.

b. The meeting will probably begin at 10:00 a.m. and they would hope to keep it down to an hour but it might run over until lunch time.

c. They would expect a brief opening statement by the Director, perhaps 20 or 30 minutes--followed by discussion.

d. We should expect a number of questions on Laos and the funding of the program there.

25X1 13. [] Called Miss Ward, in the office of Senator John Stennis, to try to get a firm date for General Walters to meet the Senator. She said she would schedule us for 2:15 p.m. tomorrow and confirm later.

25X1 14. [] Don Hill, of the Norfolk Virginia Pilot, a personal friend, called to say he had word that I had made a talk to a college group and wondered what the Agency policy was on such matters. He asked what I could tell him "on the record." I said "off the record" I could say that we occasionally meet, on invitation, with serious students of government and international relations but weren't pushing any program and didn't want to advertise such activity since we tried to keep it "off the record." Hill said he didn't think it realistic to keep meetings with members of unscreened students "off the record" from the press. He asked who he could talk to in the Agency for an "on the record" comment, and I referred him to Angus Thuermer.

25X1 15. [] Miss Sheila Kee, in the office of Representative Don Edwards (D., Calif.), called to discuss a letter from a constituent raising certain questions as to the activities of the Agency and its funding. I suggested that she submit the letter to the Legislative Counsel and we would assist her in the preparation of an appropriate reply.

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Monday - 13 March 1972

25X1 1. [] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding Representative Les Aspin's (D., Wis.) request for a briefing (see Journal of 10 March). I said on checking our records it appeared that Aspin had attended the Director's Committee briefing on 8 February, but that this briefing did not cover the specific points about which Aspin has inquired. Slatinshek recommended that we provide to the Committee written answers to Aspin's questions and advise him by letter that we have done so in line with Committee policy and that we understand, of course, that these answers are available to him through the Committee. Slatinshek said he would like us to check out the text of our letter to Aspin with him before sending it.

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25X1 3. [] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say they were planning to schedule a hearing on the Agency budget for this Wednesday, 15 March. I asked Braswell if the purpose of this session would be to talk about the problem of the [] 25X1
[] or to cover the total Agency budget. He said it was to go over the entire CIA budget but not in minute detail. When I told Braswell I would check the time with the Director, he said Senator Stennis had talked with the Director about the briefing and they considered it firm.

25X1 4. [] Miss Nancy Granese, in the office of Representative Donald M. Fraser (D., Minn.), called and asked if we could provide them with a copy of the China Atlas for their office use. I told her we would be happy to provide them with one.

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In the strictest confidence Braswell showed me a copy which he had of Senator Symington's letter of 1 March 1972 transmitting the Moose/Lowenstein report to Chairman Fulbright. Braswell was particularly interested in that part of the letter which referred to the lack of oversight over the Agency by either the CIA Subcommittee or the full Senate Armed Services Committee and recommending that Fulbright assert jurisdiction under section 407 of the Foreign Aid Authorization bill of 1972 (P.L. 92-226). I reminded Braswell of the discussion which took place on the floor of the Senate when Senator Stennis offered an amendment to this section which limited Foreign Relations' jurisdiction to those matters "within the jurisdiction of the Committee" and Fulbright's statement at the time that he had no intention to use the provisions of this section in matters within the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee.

I returned to Braswell the Committee's copy of the testimony of Nutter, Seignious, Brazier, and Sullivan before the Committee on 7 March. I told him I had made a copy of the transcript for the Director's review and said the Director and the rest of us very much appreciated having access to this transcript.

I briefed Braswell on a number of current intelligence developments. See Memorandum for the Record.

I talked briefly with Braswell about our interest in H. R. 9900, a bill which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide tax benefits for certain persons in a prisoner of war or missing status. This bill is pending before the Senate Finance Committee and Braswell suggested I talk with the Chief Counsel of that staff, Tom Vail.

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9. [] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the material which they would want covered in out budget presentation. Braswell was concerned that we not discuss certain especially sensitive areas in this briefing. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell mentioned the Committee would be meeting on Thursday on executive business and Chairman Stennis might decide to take up General Walter's confirmation at that time. He said he would let us know as soon as the Chairman made a decision.

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10. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on a number of current intelligence items. See Memorandum for the Record.

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I mentioned to Woodruff that Senator Stennis had asked us to give a general briefing to the CIA Subcommittee on the Agency budget some time in the very near future. Woodruff saw no problem from their standpoint and was in agreement with the areas which Braswell had indicated they wanted covered.

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11. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and referred to the news accounts of the sentencing of the British officer for spying and the expulsion of four East European diplomats from Italy on spying charges. Murphy said he would like any information we could give him on these cases having to do with atomic energy information or the security of NATO.

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